

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Frederick County Sustainability Commission**

**Wednesday, August 20, 2014 3:00 p.m-5:00 PM**

### **Winchester Hall**

**Present:** Tim Jones, Tom Anderson, Margie Lance, Chris May, Charles Dalphon, Annie Jones, Ron Kaltenbaugh, Mike Uecker, Chris Voell, David Lange

**Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources (OSER) Staff:** Shannon Moore, Jeffrey Feaga, Lisa Orr

**Other Attendees:** Brad Gottschall, Bruce Holstein, Gary Thuro, Sylvia Carignan (FNP), Rich Maranto, Richard Jefferies, Amy Castle-Rogers, Joe Richardson

#### **1. Call to Order and Welcome**

- Tim called the meeting to order at 3:03.

#### **2. Administrative Items**

- Chair's items: Welcome and intros of new members
  - Ron Kaltenbaugh
  - Chris Voell
  - Annie Jones
  - David Lange
  - Mike Uecker
  - [Melanie Riddle not in attendance and sent email on 8/20 refusing commission appointment due to increased workload- was not received prior to meeting.]
- Minutes from June: Motion to approve: Tom Anderson. Second: Margie Lance. Motion approved.
- Vice Chair's items:
  - Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources fair booth request for volunteers [OSER discovered shortly thereafter that the longstanding booth had not been given to the organization this Fair.]
  - Planning and principal goal working meeting planned for October
  - Planning for leadership transition- appointment of new leadership with transition in October.
  - Next meeting is State of Sustainability Presentation at 30 North Market Street in lower level conference room.

#### **3. Waste Alternatives Presentation: Julie Stuart, Mom's Clean Air Force**

Commissioner Young had provided July 24, 2014 letter of introduction of Ms. Brandi (Julie) Stuart and Ms. Gretchen Alfonso from Mom's Clean Air Force and request to have them speak to the Commission.

Ms. Stuart spoke to the Commission regarding resource recovery and suggested that Carroll County is contemplating a resource recovery park that may be of interest to Frederick County.

Carroll county has bidders for a resource recovery park and is considering privatizing landfill operations. Austin Texas has an eco-industrial park that includes a dozen private sector businesses to convert resources. Howard County Maryland has a pilot municipal composting program. The group expressed interest in learning the status of that operation and getting a copy of Carroll county's resource park study. Some discussion over the definition of "resource recovery park ensued", as Frederick County Government's facilities on Reichs Ford Road fall under this category. Some concerns expressed that a guaranteed waste volume with a private contractor could preclude resource recovery options if this were made part of a contract in Frederick County.

Motion: "The Sustainability Commission requests that the Board of County Commissioners initiate a conversation with Carroll County about a proposed resource recovery park." The motion was proposed by Tom Anderson, seconded by Margie Lance. Motion approved.

#### **4. State of Sustainability Forum Planning: Shannon Moore**

Shannon presented an overview of the mission and role of the Commission and its bylaws. She also reviewed the most recent data on sustainability indicators, projects of the Commission, and discussed sustainability topics that were brought up for discussion at the July 16 planning meeting (non-regular meeting of the Commission). The Commission decided to have the presentation start at 4PM on September 17. Key elements of the presentation were decided upon:

1. About us
2. Indicators
3. Key issues
4. The Future of Sustainability in Frederick County
5. What key issue to focus on for following year?

#### **5. Updates**

Rich Maranto: Solar Tour brochure is out

**5:00 MEETING ADJOURNED**